

Application No.: 10/027,603
Reply to Restriction Requirement of October 7, 2003

REMARKS

Applicants request entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the restriction of the claims. Claims 62-79 are newly presented. Applicants submit claims 62 and 63 are linking claims. After entry of the Amendment, claims 1-79 are pending.

Applicants submit the new claims are supported throughout the specification, including at page 26, lines 23-25 and lines 27-29, and do not raise any issues of new matter.

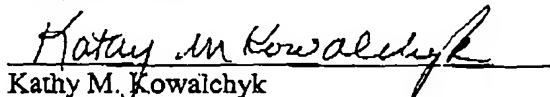
Applicants elect Group I with traverse. The new claims include linking claims and should be retained in the application and considered once the Group I claims are allowable. New claims 62 and 63 are linking claims that link a genus (antagonists of EG-VEGF polypeptide) to species (antibody, small molecule, peptide fragment, or antisense molecule). MPEP § 809.03. Upon allowance of any of the linking claims, Applicants note they are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species of the antagonists. Any claims directed to non-elected species must be rejoined or reinstated and fully examined for patentability. MPEP § 809.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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